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SUBJECT: GOK TO CALL MEETING OF ARAB OIL PRODUCERS

1. GOK ANNOUNCED LATE AM OCTOBER 9 MINISTER FINANCE
AND OIL ATIQI HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED CALL URGENT MEETING

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ARAB MINISTERS OF OIL TO STUDY ROLE OF OIL IN LIGHT

PRESENT SITUATION, I.E., RENEWED FIGHTING BETWEEN
ARAB STATES AND ISRAEL.

2. DURING PRESS CONFERENCE OCTOBER 8 MINISTER OF
STATE ABD AL-AZIZ HUSSEIN IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION RE
IRAQ'S CALL FOR USE OIL AS WEAPON SAID QTE KUWAIT WILL
SPARE NO EFFORTS IN BATTLE AGAINST COMMON ENEMY OF
ARABS, BUT IT IS THIS COUNTRY'S POLICY NOT TO REVEAL
DECISIONS BEFORE THEY ARE TAKEN. END UNCLASSIFIED

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3. COMMENT: WE NOT ABLE SAY WHETHER GOK CALL FOR OIL
MINISTERS' MEETING WAS TAKEN UNILATERALLY OR ONLY AFTER
CONSULTATION WITH OTHER STATES, NOTABLY SAUDI ARABIA,
BUT WE BELIEVE LATTER LIKELY. IN GENERAL GOK TRYING
MAINTAIN RELATIVELY MODERATE STANCE AND CALL FOR MEETING
MAY BE SAG/GOK ATTEMPT TAKE INITIATIVE RE OIL-AS-A-WEAPON
FROM IRAQIS. IN CALLING FOR MEETING GOK MGY HAVE ALSO
BOUGHT SOME TIME BEFORE MAKING POLICY DECISION; NOT
CLEAR WHEN MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE BUT APPARENTLY IT
WILL BE IN KUWAIT SOON. FYI AT PRESENT KOC HAS
BEEN PRODUCING 3.6 MILLION BPD IN EFFORT MAKE UP
FOR FIRST PART 1973 DURING WHICH PRODUCTION WAS WELL
BELOW 3 MILLION BPD AVERAGE ALLOWED. END FYI
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